

## TITLE 4. CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

### MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

#### Final Regulation

REGISTRAR'S NOTICE: The Marine Resources Commission is claiming an exemption from the Administrative Process Act in accordance with § 2.2-4006 A 11 of the Code of Virginia; however, the commission is required to publish the full text of final regulations.

Title of Regulation: **4VAC20-490. Pertaining to Sharks (amending 4VAC20-490-42).**

Statutory Authority: § 28.2-201 of the Code of Virginia.

Effective Date: May 1, 2016.

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Summary:

*The amendment changes the spiny dogfish commercial quota for May 1, 2016, through April 30, 2017, from 5,463,565 to 4,356,944 pounds.*

**4VAC20-490-42. Spiny dogfish commercial quota and catch limitations.**

A. For the 12-month period of May 1, ~~2015~~ 2016, through April 30, ~~2016~~ 2017, the spiny dogfish commercial landings quota shall be limited to ~~5,463,565~~ 4,356,944 pounds.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, harvest, or possess aboard any vessel or to land in Virginia any spiny dogfish harvested from federal waters for commercial purposes after it has been announced that the federal quota for spiny dogfish has been taken.

C. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, harvest, or possess aboard any vessel or to land in Virginia more than 5,000 pounds of spiny dogfish per day for commercial purposes.

D. It shall be unlawful for any person to harvest or to land in Virginia any spiny dogfish for commercial purposes after the quota specified in subsection A of this section has been landed and announced as such.

E. Any spiny dogfish harvested from state waters or federal waters, for commercial purposes, shall only be sold to a federally permitted dealer.

F. It shall be unlawful for any buyer of seafood to receive any spiny dogfish after any commercial harvest or landing quota described in this section has been attained and announced as such.